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Death rate of Berlin.

The death rate of Berlin for the week ended June 6 amounted, calculated on the year, to 16.6 per thousand of the population, this being considerably lower than the rate for the corresponding week of last year, in which it amounted to 20.5. The following cities, among others, had a considerably higher death rate than that of Berlin, namely: Hamburg, Bremen, Munich, Nuremberg, Brunswick; while the death rate of the following places was higher yet, viz, Cologne, Carlsruhe, Breslau, Danzig, Königsberg, Stettin, as well as Paris and Vienna. The following towns showed a lower death rate than that of Berlin: Hanover, Dresden, Charlottenburg (with 15.5), Schöneberg (with 10.6 per thousand), and London. The increase in the number of deaths was distributed fairly equally among the children in the first year of life and the higher age classes. The infant mortality rate rose from 2.9 per year and mille in the last May week to 5.1 in this week, whereby it did not amount to one-half of that of Stettin and Danzig and was considerably lower than the rate for Breslau, Hamburg, and Munich. Acute intestinal diseases, as in almost all other large cities, showed this week an increase, causing in Berlin 63 deaths. There was also a noticeable increase in diseases of the respiratory organs, which claimed 57 victims, of whom 2 succumbed to influenza. Further, there were registered 67 deaths from phthisis pulmonalis and 45 deaths from cancer. Scarlet fever claimed 9 victims, and there were 4 fatal cases of diphtheria. There were also registered 5 deaths from measles and 2 deaths from typhus. Finally, there occurred 1 case of plague, and 20 persons died by violence.

GUATEMALA.

Report from Livingston, fruit port—Epidemic of varicella extinct.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Peters reports as follows: Week ended June 22, 1903. Present officially estimated population, 3,500; no deaths reported; prevailing diseases, malarial; general sanitary condition of this port and the surrounding country during the week, good. The epidemic of varicella is now over.

Bills of health were issued to the following-named vessels:

Date.	Name of vessel.	Number of crew.	Number of passengers from this port.	Number of passengers in transit.	Pieces of baggage disinfected.
June 16	Banan.....	18
16	Anselm.....	41	5	6

Steamship *Anselm* cleared from Puerto Barrios.

HAWAII.

Quarantine transactions at Honolulu and Hilo.

Passed Assistant Surgeon Cofer, chief quarantine officer for Hawaii, reports, June 15, as follows:

Honolulu.—Week ended June 13, 1903. Number of vessels disinfected, 7; vessels inspected and passed, 8; crew inspected and passed,